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TEXTBOOK DATA RELEASED;
NEWSPAPER DELIVERY SPEEDED

CURRENT TEXTBOOK STATISTICS REPORTED -- Kul'tura i Zhizn', No 17, 21 Jun 49

The following data has been released on the publishing of textbooks for the 1949-50 school year; as of 20 June 1949:

<u>Republic</u>	<u>Fulfillment of Plan (in %)</u>	<u>books Printed (in thousands of copies)</u>
SSSR		
Uchpedgiz	53.5	59,744
Autonomous republics and oblasts (as of 10 June)	39.1	2,380
Ukrainian SSR	66.0	26,623
Belorussian SSR	60.4	3,020
Uzbek SSR	24.2	1,744
Kazakh SSR	69.0	2,486
Georgian SSR	39.8	1,235
Azerbaijdzhan SSR	40.4	1,093
Lithuanian SSR	55.5	777
Moldavian SSR	68.4	1,027
Latvian SSR	56.4	790
Kirgiz SSR	51.0	561
Tadzhik SSR	70.2	983
Armenian SSR	59.0	1,418
Turkmen SSR	19.3	290
Estonian SSR	73.4	954
Karelo-Finnish SSR	<u>31.1</u>	<u>14</u>
Total	60.4	105,147

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NEWSPAPER SHIPMENTS SPEEDED -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 109, 11 May 49

The Khabarovsk Kray Communications Administration has organized daily transport of the newspapers Pravda and Tikhookeanskaya zvezda by truck along the Khabarovsk-Pereyaslavka-Bichevaya route. Shipment of publications to the Rayon imeni Lazo was previously done by railroad, with the result that newspapers arrived at least one day late, and as many as 3 or 4 days late in Bichevaya. Residents of Pereyaslavka, Khor, and other populated centers are now able to receive the kray newspaper on the day of its publication.

LATVIAN POLITICAL POSTERS CRITICIZED -- Sovetskaya Latvija, No 215, 10 Sep 1948

The Soviet political poster, as an art and a form of mass agitation, has become particularly important in the Latvian SSR since the liberation of that Republic. Between November 1944 and August 1948, 160 posters with 1,446,350 copies have been published in the Latvian SSR. The subject matter of the posters can be roughly divided into those devoted to historical dates, to political campaigns, and to fulfillment of the postwar Five-Year Plan. One hundred and thirty of these posters, 1,254,000 copies have been published. Seventeen posters, 170,000 copies, were published on agricultural subjects and peasants' pledges. Thirteen posters, 52,350 copies, have been devoted to popular science and to mass participation in military science activities and sports.

The Latvian Publishing House has not produced a sufficient quantity of these posters and many of them are on a low artistic level. Many of the artists were trained in pre-Soviet Latvia where the poster was only an advertisement form, and many of the posters thus lack political feeling and a clearly defined message. The publishers have had 15 artists, most of them new to the work, on these posters, but recently several new and more able artists have been enlisted in this work by the State Publishing House.

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